(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the revenue loss suffered by Government as a result thereof; and

(d) what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Four cases of misuse of telephone lines by certain private companies in Delhi were detected. The misuse was done in connivance with the officials of Delhi Telephones (MTNL). Disciplinary action against these officials has been initiated.

Attempts have been made to realise the defrauded amount from these companies. Out of these one company has paid the full bill. In second case, the company has paid partial payment but for the subsequent bill, they have-gone to the Court. The other companies have disputed the bills raised by the MTNL and have gone to the Court straightaway. The matter is sub-judice and MTNL is defending the bills raised by them.

(c) Out of total bills of Rs. 52,76,619 raised in the 4 cases mentioned in (b) above, Rs. 10,99,685 has been realised. The balance amount will be realised as per decision of the Hon'ble Court.

(d) As in (b) and (c) above.

Experience for private Sector entry in Telecom Service

4. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have prescribed minimum experience of operating a telecom network of 5 lakh lines for the submission of tender for private sector entry in telecom service;

(c) if the reply to part (b) above be in the negative, what are the reasons for prescribing this condition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government does not have this data.

(c) This condition has been prescribed to ensure that quality of telecom services provided by the private operator is of world standard as per the objectives of National Telecom. Policy, 1994.

Inquiry Report on Tapping of Telephones of MPs

5. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state: :

(a) whether Government have since received Central Bureau of Investigation's inquiry report on the tapping of telephones of Members of Parliament;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the date on which it was received; and

(c) The details of the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) Sir, it is presumed that the Hon'ble MP is referring to earlier RSSQ No. 202 for 16-05-90 regarding inquiry into phone tapping. The Department has fulfilled the assurance on 08-05-91 vide copy enclosed as statement. (*See* below). The CBI had submitted its report. The same was handed over to Privileges Committee of the Lok Sabha which was looking into the question of tapping of telephones.

(c) The Department has no further information in the matter.